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SUBJECT: BSEC EXECUTIVE CALLS U.S. PROJECT AN EXEMPLAR,
SUPPORTS SECOND PHASE

(SBU) Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Assistant to the Secretary General Kostas Zaimis warmly received a copy of the executive summary of USAID and USEA Regional Model Development and Network Analysis Report. On June 24 at a BSEC ad hoc working group on electrical networks (AHWGEEN) Zaimis thanked the U.S. along with USAID and USEA for their sponsorship of the Black Sea Regional Transmission Planning Project. He stated it was an exemplar of what BSEC should be doing; engaging in a long term project over many BSEC countries with support from an observer nation. Gul Okan from the Turkish Electricity Transmission Company and Dan Preotesu from the Romanian Transelectrica Company made presentations of the project to working group attendees.

(SBU) Zaimis called the second phase of this project a "wonderful opportunity" to conduct the type of project that BSEC should do. BSEC representatives supported Zaimis statement, with the condition that no BSEC counties should be left out of the project; Albania and Serbia are not included in the initial project area. Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) Director Orhan Aytemiz was eager to provide financing to implement the report's recommendations. Aytemiz also wanted to work with USAID on the second phase of the project.

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